

Public Comment re: Project # 3028516

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My name is Madeline Harris, a homeowner at 11351 25th Ave. N.E.; Seattle, WA; 98125.

My property abuts the east side of the proposed short subdivision (Project # 3028516). I have several concerns about the six homes planned uphill from my property.

First, as a long-time homeowner, I can say – through experience – the downslope water run-off from the uphill project site is a problem. My late husband and I had repeated flooding in our basement, due to natural springs in the hillside. We had to build an interior ‘basin drain’ to prevent this. To this day, there are areas of my lawn that remain wet all summer, no matter the rainfall.

My neighbors to the south, and also downhill from Project # 3028516, have had the same excessive downslope drainage and flooding.

How do the City and the Developer plan to control the natural springs? And what is the plan to “control” the stormwater runoff created by the additional hard surfaces of homes and added driveways, while –simultaneously– eliminating the forest that currently covers the site?

Aside from my concerns about drainage, how will the developer deal with the extremely steep, unstable slope to the west of my property line? If the site plan is approved, will I have a 30-foot retaining wall in my backyard?

I appreciate the chance to comment on Project #3028516. When Claude and Shirley Falk subdivided the property in 1990, they posted no signs of their intent and sent no notice to their neighbors, as required by law. We only found out about the original subdivision after the fact.

Thank you,

Madeline Harris

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